

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A device for obtaining a sample from a body cavity, comprising:

(a) a plurality of elongated flexible bristles of approximately uniform length [connected to a handle] defining opposing first and second bristle end portions; and

(b) a handle having an elongated portion and a head portion, wherein the first end bristle portions are secured to the head portion and the head portion is configured to support the plurality of elongated flexible bristles in a direction substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the elongated portion to form a mop-like sample collecting member[, said bristles being disposed in a direction substantially parallel to the axis of the handle].

Claim 2. (New) A device as recited in Claim 1, wherein the head portion of the handle is substantially cylindrical.

Claim 3. (New) A sample collecting device as recited in Claim 1, wherein the head portion and the elongated portion are substantially cylindrical.

Claim 4. (New) A device as recited in Claim 3, wherein the diameter of the head portion is greater than the diameter of the elongated portion.

Claim 5. (New) A brush for self-sampling of cervical tissue, comprising:

- (a) a handle; and
- (b) a plurality of bristles of approximately uniform length connected to the handle, wherein each bristle of the plurality of bristles has a modulus of elasticity to form a mop-like sampling head having a soft surface area sufficient to acquire a sample of cervical tissue and the plurality of bristles are secured to the handle.

Claim 6. (New) A brush as recited in Claim 5, wherein the soft surface area forms a substantially symmetrical shape.